

hose, creating an output of air from the engine to form an air stream, diverting exhaust from said engine into said air stream, and directing said air stream with the output hose at the fire.

In another aspect of this invention there is provided a method of starting back fires. The method comprising the steps of starting a fire, operating a device to create an air stream, directing said air stream at said fire, and causing the fire to spread in a controlled manner.

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In yet another embodiment of this invention there is provided a device for extinguishing fires and starting back fires. The device comprises an engine. The engine creates an air stream and an exhaust. An air output hose is used for directing the air stream at a fire or back fire. At least one hose for selectively diverting the exhaust into the air stream.

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FIG. 2 shows the left side of the device. As may be seen in this view, the device has shoulder straps 14 attached to the frame 12 to allow the operator to carry the device on his back. The orientation and location of the Y-shaped valve 30 prevents the exhaust exiting either of the two exhaust legs 34 or 36 from interfering with the breathing of the operator.

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The device can also be used to start backfires. After the appropriate location of a backfire has been selected, a fire is started. The airstream (without the addition of the